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Sofia-Stara Zagora Railroad Line

1.  bridges on the Sofia-Stara Zagora railroad line: 25X1
  - a. Approximately 100-meter steel bridge located 200 meters west of Iskŭr station, Sofia Okoliya, over the Iskŭr River;
  - b. A 40-50-meter steel suspension bridge located just west of the Vakarel station, Ikhtiman Okoliya;
  - c. Approximately 20-meter steel bridge located on the western outskirts of Kostenets station, Ikhtiman Okoliya;
  - d. A 300-400-meter steel bridge located between the Filipovo station and the central station of Plovdiv over the Maritsa River;
  - e. Approximately 35-meter steel bridge located about 100 meters west of the Skutari station, Plovdiv Okoliya, over the Strema stream; and
  - f. Approximately 25-meter steel bridge over the Sazliyka stream located 50-60 meters west of the Kaloyanovets station, Stara Zagora Okoliya; this bridge was built in 1952 after floods of the Sazliyka stream had destroyed the railroad bridge and about 500 meters of track.
2. There is a single track of normal gauge. The condition of the roadbed is good.

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3. The Stara Zagora railroad station has three platform tracks and about 17 sidings.

Ruse-Podkovo Railroad Line-1947

4. There are 30-31 tunnels on the Ruse-Podkovo line; 25 of them are located between Turnovo and Yavorovets (formerly Popovtsi) station, Kazanluk Okoliya. Informant remembers the following tunnels on this line:
- a. A 300-400-meter tunnel located directly below the city of Turnovo; between the Turnovo and Trapezitsa stations; the northern terminus is at the bridge over the Yantra River (see below);
  - b. A short tunnel located between the Turnovo and Debelets stations;
  - c. Two tunnels located between the Drenovski Monastery and Tsareva stations;
  - d. Ten tunnels located between the Plachkovtsi and Bizovets stations, Trevna Okoliya; the last three of these are each about 1000 meters long;
  - e. Five tunnels between the Bizovets and Krustets stations; each tunnel is about 300-400 meters long;
  - f. Three tunnels between the Raduntsi and Borushtita stations; these tunnels are close together and each is 100-150 meters long;
  - g. Three tunnels between Raduntsi and Yavorets stations; a 1200-meter tunnel begins just beyond the Raduntsi station; the second is 500-600 meters after the first (length not known); the third is about 100 meters after the second (length not known);
  - h. Two tunnels north of the Mariyno station of Dimitrovgrad;
  - i. Three or four tunnels between Khaskovo and Kurdzhali; each of these is relatively long.
5.  bridges along this line:
- a. A 100-150-meter, one-track steel bridge crossing the Yantra River located about 50 meters south of the Trapezitsa station (the north station of Turnovo);
  - b. A 15 meter long steel bridge over the Drenovo stream located north of the Tsareva Livada station;
  - c. Two 20 meter long steel bridges north of Dubovo station;
  - d. A 200-meter steel bridge crossing the Tundzha River about 200 meters north of the Rezhina station and between it and the Tulovo station;
  - e. A 50 meter long, 15 meter high stone bridge located between the Zmeyovo and Stara Zagora stations; the Bedechka stream and the Stara Zagora-Kazanluk highway pass under the bridge;
  - f. A 300 meter steel bridge crossing the Maritsa River between the Mariyno and Rakovski stations of Dimitrovgrad;
  - g. A 200 meter steel bridge over the Arda River in Kurdzhali town; this is both a highway and railroad bridge;
  - h. A 100-120 meter steel bridge over the Syuyutliyka stream between Kurdzhali and Dzhebel stations; the Syuyutliyka stream is narrow but it has a wide

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bed.

6. A 100 meter loading ramp was built in 1953 in the Kalitonovo station of the Nova Zagora-Stara Zagora railroad line to facilitate the loading of sugar beets grown in the area.

#### Highways about Stara Zagora

7. Stara Zagora-Chirpan-Plovdiv highway, about 100 kilometers long, has the following bridges:
  - a. A 100 meter long, 10 meter wide and 2 meter high reinforced concrete bridge built in 1952 over the Sazliyka stream in Rakitnitsa (formerly Belchevo), Stara Zagora Okoliya;
  - b. A 200-300 meter long, 5-6 meter wide and 3-4 meter high steel bridge over the Maritsa River about 500 meters north of Popovitsa village.
8. Stara Zagora-Khaskovo highway, about 60-70 kilometers long; bridges on this road are as follows:
  - a. A 40-50 meter long, 8-10 meter wide, 2-3 meter high steel bridge on stone supports over the Sazliyka stream seven kilometers from Stara Zagora;
  - b. A 300 meter long, 5-6 meter wide, 3-4 meter high reinforced concrete bridge over the Maritsa River in Dimitrovgrad;
  - c. A 300 meter long, 5-6 meter wide, 4 meter high steel bridge on stone supports over the Maritsa River in Maritsa town on the Maritsa-Sredets village (N 42-15, E 25-40) road.
9. Stara Zagora-Nova Zagora highway, 36 kilometers long; there is only one bridge on this road as follows:
  - a. A 15 meter long, 8-10 meter wide and 10 meter high arched stone bridge over the Bedechka stream east of Stara Zagora.
10. Stara-Zagora-Kazanluk highway, 33 kilometers bridges on this road are as follows:
  - a. An 8-10 meter long, 8-10 meter wide, 6-7 meter high arched stone bridge over the Bedechka stream four kilometers from Stara Zagora;
  - b. A bridge similar to the above over the Bedechka stream 7500 meters from Stara Zagora.
  - c. A 10 meter long, 8-10 meter wide and 10 meter high reinforced concrete bridge located 3000 meters north of Yagoda village (formerly Gorno Panicherevo), Kazanluk Okoliya;
  - d. A 200 meter long, 5-6 meter wide and 4 meter high reinforced concrete bridge over the Tundzha River about 4000 meters south of Tulovo village, which was built in 1953;
  - e. A 10 meter long, 8-10 meter wide, 4.5 meter high reinforced concrete bridge over the Karadere stream between Tulovo and Kazanluk.
11. Stara Zagora-Kaloyanovets highway, 15 kilometers; there are no bridges on this road.
12. All of the above roads are in good condition. The main part of each road is 5-6 meters wide; there are 1.5-2-meter shoulders and drainage ditches on each side. The road has a 20 centimeter thick base of course stone and a 10 centi-

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meter thick surface of pebbles; each layer is rolled. The roads are sanded. These roads are open all year round to traffic; when there are heavy snows the part of the Stara-Zagora-Kazanlik highway near Zmeyovo village is blocked for a few days.

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